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Dear Glenn:

Your letter of December 23 reviews some of the considerations which underlie our negotiating position on a safeguards provision in a non-proliferation treaty.

I agree that the negotiations to date convey a strong impression that the Russians would agree to a provision calling for mandatory safeguards for non-nuclear weapon signatories, so long as such a provision did not endorse EURATOM safeguards. I believe that we should seek to find a solution which will take advantage of Soviet willingness to support mandatory safeguards for non-nuclear weapon signatories, and be acceptable to key non-nuclear weapon states including those in EURATOM. We continue to seek as strong a safeguards provision as can be negotiated with major expected signatories.

I do not believe that we should determine our final position on this matter until we have had an opportunity to consult with our principal Allies concerned.

I understand your continuing interest, and as the situation develops I will keep in touch with you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
Glenn T. Seaborg,
Chairman,
Atomic Energy Commission.

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